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DECLARATION OF LINDA RIMMER UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

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Sir:

1. I, Linda Rimmer, am employed by The Journal of Physiology as Editorial Administrator. I have been employed by The Journal of Physiology since [November 1986]

2. I have been advised that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has cited Rieman et al., J. Physiology, 509P:81P (1998) ("Rieman") as a reference against the above-identified patent application.

4. The abstract by C E Riemen et al. was published in The Journal of Physiology (Vol 509P, 81P) dated June 1998.

5. It is my understanding that an abstract book may have been mailed to meeting participants prior to The Physiological Society Meeting held at the University of Liverpool on April 27-29, 1998. Due to staff turnover in The Society's Meetings Office, there is no record of the exact date of mailing of the abstract book. However, as a normal course of practice, the

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abstract books are mailed approximately one month prior to the date of a meeting. Accordingly, it is my belief that any mailing of an abstract book for The Physiological Society Meeting at the University of Liverpool would have occurred on or about March 27-29, 1998.

6. It is my belief, based on the standard course of practice in place at that time, that any abstract book for The Physiological Society Meeting at the University of Liverpool would not have been mailed earlier than on or about March 27-29, 1998 and under no circumstances would an abstract book have been mailed as early as March 2, 1998.

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements are punishable and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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